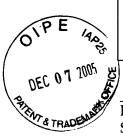
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 15, 2005

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2005, applicant identifies claims 1-7, 15-19, 21, 23-24, 26-27, 32-33, 36-42, 45-46, 54-56, 58-60, 63-69, 73-74, 76-82 and 123-132 as reading on the device that contains the combination of elected subspecies.

Attached is a table identifying the subspecies and included in each of the claims now presented in this application

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